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## PERSONAL NOTES.

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### AMERICA.

**Haverford College.**—Dr. William Draper Lewis has accepted the position of Instructor in Political Economy at Haverford College, Pa. Mr. Lewis graduated from this institution in 1888, and is now twenty-five years of age. In 1891 he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania. His thesis, recently published in book form, is entitled "Our Sheep and the Tariff."

Last year Dr. Lewis graduated from the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and is now engaged, and expects to continue, in the active practice of law. He edits, with Mr. George Wharton Pepper, *The American Law Register and Review*. Dr. Lewis has just published a work entitled "The Federal Power over Commerce, and its Effect on State Action." He is also the author of the article on "Protection" in the new edition of Chambers' Encyclopædia.

**Knox College.**—Mr. John H. Finley, who has been elected President of Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, as successor to Dr. Bateman, was born in Illinois in 1864. He graduated from Knox College in 1887, and entered immediately upon post-graduate studies in the Department of Political and Economic Science at Johns Hopkins University. While there Mr. Finley was associated with Professor Ely in the preparation of the work known as "Taxation in American States and Cities," which appeared in 1889. Early in 1889 Mr. Finley left the University to accept the Secretaryship of the State Charities Aid Association of New York. He is now the editor of the official organ of this association as well as of the recently established *Charities Review*. Mr.

Finley will continue for the present at least to conduct the editorial department of the Review.

**The People's Institute** (Milwaukee, Wis.).—The foundation for the promotion of popular education, known as the People's Institute of Milwaukee, has secured Mr. Fred W. Spiers as its director. Mr. Spiers is a graduate of the Worcester (Mass.) Polytechnic Institute (1888). After two years of post-graduate work in history and economics, at Johns Hopkins University, Mr. Spiers received an appointment to the Chair of History and Political Science in the State University of South Dakota. During the past year he has, however, been in residence at Johns Hopkins again. He recently declined, in favor of the Superintendency at Milwaukee, a proffered position as Secretary of the New York Charities Aid Association, left vacant by the resignation of Mr. John H. Finley.

**Swarthmore College.**—Mr. William J. Hull, a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University, has been elected as Associate Professor to the newly-established Chair of Political and Social Science at Swarthmore College.

Mr. Hull was born in Baltimore and received his bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1889, and after a year of graduate study in history, political economy and jurisprudence he spent eight months in Berlin, where he continued his work in these subjects. The title of Mr. Hull's thesis, published in 1891, by the Maryland Historical society is "Maryland, Independence and the Confederation."

**University of Chicago.**—Dr. Edward W. Bemis, Adjunct Professor in charge of History and Economics at Vanderbilt University, has been appointed Associate Professor of Economics in the University Extension Faculty of the University of Chicago. Dr. Bemis was born at Springfield, Mass., in 1860. He graduated from Amherst College in 1880, receiv-

ing the class honors in History and Political Economy. In 1885 he took the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University, having meanwhile spent two years in the West, part of the time as an editorial writer on the St. Paul *Pioneer Press*, later as principal of one of the Minneapolis schools.

During the winters 1887-88 and '88-89 he conducted courses in University Extension in Buffalo, St. Louis and other cities.

In 1889 Dr. Bemis took charge of the department of History and Economics at Vanderbilt, which position he has held up to the present time.

In 1886 at Springfield, Mass., and in 1887 at Buffalo, N. Y. he organized the first two branches of the American Economic Association. During the past winter he has given, in connection with Vanderbilt University, University Extension courses in Nashville and Evansville, Ind. ; Louisville, Frankfort, Lexington and Bowling Green, Ky. At the University of Chicago Dr. Bemis will devote a large part of his time to University Extension work in and about Chicago, but will also lecture to graduate students in the University. He is the author of several monographs and has contributed extensively to various publications in this country. Among his writings may be mentioned :

"Municipal Ownership of Gas in the United States," American Economic Association, Vol. VI, Nos. 4 and 5.

"Co-operation in New England and the Middle States," Parts I, II and III of History of Co-operation in the United States, Johns Hopkins University Press.

"Local Government in Michigan and the Northwest," Vol. I, No. 4 Johns Hopkins University Studies.

"Mine Labor in the Hocking Valley," Vol. III, No. 3 American Economic Association.

"The Relation of Trades-Unions to Apprentices," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, October, 1891.

"Benefit Features of American Trades-Unions," *Political Science Quarterly*, June, 1887.

"Insurance of American Workingmen." *Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften*, Germany.

**University of Wisconsin.**—Frederick Jackson Turner, Professor of American History in the University of Wisconsin, was born November 14, 1861, at Portage, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1884 with the degree of A. B., and received his A. M. from the same institution in 1888. The year after his graduation he spent in newspaper correspondence. In the spring of 1885, he took charge of the history classes of Professor W. F. Allen during the absence of the latter in Europe. The succeeding year he was made Instructor in Oratory at the University of Wisconsin, and the two following years he was Instructor in Oratory and History, at the same time pursuing his historical studies under Professor Allen's general direction. The year 1888-9 he spent in the department of History and Politics at Johns Hopkins University, receiving the degree of Ph. D. from that institution in 1890, his thesis being, "The Character and Influence of the Indian Trade in Wisconsin," published in the Johns Hopkins Studies. In the fall of 1889 he became Assistant Professor of American History at the University of Wisconsin. Professor Allen died in December of that year, and in the spring of 1891, Professor Turner was made Professor of History. This title was changed to Professor of American History in the spring of 1892.

Mr. David Kinley who has accepted the position of Assistant in Economics in the University of Wisconsin was born in 1861 and graduated from Yale University in 1884. After graduation he became principal of a High School in Massachusetts, a position he retained until he determined to resume his studies in Economics at Johns Hopkins University. During the past year he has been Instructor in History and assistant in Political Economy in that institution, as well as Professor of Social Science in the Woman's College of Baltimore.

**Western Reserve University.**—Henry Bourne was elected Professor of History and Instructor in Philosophy in

the Cleveland College for Women at the annual meeting of the trustees of Western Reserve University in March. He was born in 1862. After his graduation from Yale, in 1883, he was for one year Principal of the Thomaston (Conn.) High School. He then entered the Yale Divinity School, where he devoted himself to special historical work under Professor George P. Fisher, continuing his studies after graduation. In 1888 he became an assistant editor of the *Congregationalist*, Boston ; but deciding upon teaching as his profession, he accepted a position in the Norwich, (Conn.) Free Academy, where he has taught History and Philosophy and organized a system of Academy Extension, designed to provide instructive and interesting lectures by the Academy teachers for the working classes in the neighboring factory villages. Professor Bourne has contributed to *The Nation*, *The New Englander* and other periodicals, and written largely for *The Congregationalist*, on the social and political question of the day.

## HOLLAND.

**Groningen.**—The vacancy in the Chair of Political Economy in the removal of Professor Cort van den Linden to Amsterdam has been filled by the election of Dr. W. A. Reiger, who delivered his inaugural lecture in September last. Dr. Reiger took his degree of Doctor Juris Utriusque at Groningen in 1865. In that year he published a dissertation on the principles of international law relating to vessels, and in 1867 a “*Commentatio de Alberico Gentili, Grotio ad condendam juris gentium disciplinam, viam præpræeunto.*” He has been a frequent contributor to the periodical press.